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Madison County congratulates Lewis Jenkins on his retirement from Madison County EMS and for his many years of service to Madison County. On August 31, 2018 Noah Hillstrom was selected as Director of EMS. Hillstrom brings over 16 years of emergency medical services experience. He has been with Madison County EMS for 13 years and has most recently served as an EMS Lieutenant for the department.

Noah got his start in emergency services as a volunteer EMT with the Charlottesville-Albemarle Rescue Squad (CARS) in 2002. He was hired by Orange Fire and EMS where he worked full-time for several years prior to beginning full-time in Madison. Noah has also served as a flight paramedic with Aircare 5 and served as a regional educator for EMS. This past summer, Noah was elected by his peers to serve as the chief of the all-volunteer Charlottesville-Albemarle Rescue Squad where he serves as an active-life member.

Noah has a great appreciation for the vital role of volunteers in the community and is looking forward to working with the Madison County Volunteer Rescue Squad and Madison County Volunteer Fire Company in his new role. He values diversity, respect, and continuous learning which are values he hopes to promote through his work as director. Noah believes that connection to the community is greatly important and is excited to find new ways to engage Madison County EMS. During his free time Hillstrom enjoys hiking, boating and listening to Alan Jackson.

Per County Administrator Jack Hobbs, "Director of Emergency Medical Services Hillstrom will be building on the solid foundation left by Lewis Jenkins as he takes on his new role. This is a critical time for public safety in Madison County: there is much to be done to meet expectations of higher levels of service, achieve better integration of EMS with other elements of our community's emergency response/emergency management program, complying with increasingly complicated regulations and finding additional resources in our constrained environment. I look forward to working with Director Hillstrom and his staff on these issues and to supporting the department's long tradition of providing excellent service for Madison County's residents."

Information on Madison County can be found at www.madisonco.virginia.gov. For additional information, please contact Madison County Director of Emergency Management Services Noah Hillstrom at nhillstrom@madisonco.virginia.gov.